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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member, in view of the answer to clauses (b) and (c), whether he has any intention of getting information as to the fact that the employees were getting pension when they were employed in the Lawrence Asylum Press, and, if that is so, whether he has any intention to make that a claim for pension in Government service ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

Employment of old hands in the Government Press on light work.

* 436 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, was asked to place the older hands on light work to minimise the disadvantages due to old age ; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the number of old hands in the Government Press, the number placed on light work and the rates given to them per hour ?

A.—(a) Yes, so far as compositors were concerned.

(b) It was found that there was no work lighter than that done by compositors.

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" In regard to answer to clause (b), if 'there was no work lighter than that done by compositors,' may I know whether these pieceworkers have been kept on the same scale of pay as those of the compositors ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" No, Sir. Differently."

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" Why, Sir ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Because they have to be paid according to the work turned out by them."

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" If that is so, and if the same quality and the same amount of work is done by them, are they paid on the same scale of pay as the other staff ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" As far as the compositors are concerned, they are given the same pay."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know what exactly is the work that is described here as 'work lighter than that done by compositors'? What was the exact work given them ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The work of compositors."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if it was composing, imposing, or correction, which of the three ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Any of the three according to their fitness."